

General Provisions

Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge is one of over 500 national wildlife refuges. A primary objective of a national wildlife refuge is to provide habitat for the conservation of fish and wildlife. Sport fishing is permitted at a level compatible with the environment, providing wholesome recreational opportunities, and permitting the use of a valuable renewable resource.

The regulations listed below supplement the general regulations which govern fishing on wildlife refuge areas as set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 32. Fishing will be in accordance with applicable state regulations subject to the following special regulations.

Sport Fishing Regulations

Tennessee Refuge is composed of three units (see map). Each unit has fishing opportunities available seasonally.

Fishing in interior impoundments is permitted during daylight hours only.

Swamp Creek, Sulphur Well Bay, Bennetts Creek and all interior impoundments are open to fishing from March 16 through October 31. The remainder of the refuge portion of Kentucky Lake will remain open year-round. Bank fishing is permitted year-round along Refuge Lane, from the New Johnsonville Pump Station, and from the Busseltown Pump Station.

The Grassy Lake heron rookery is closed November 1 - August 31 to fishing and all public entry.

Any portion of the refuge may be closed by floodwaters, to protect nesting eagles, or for other administrative purposes.

Interior impoundments are shallow and full of hidden obstacles. Boat travel is restricted to a “Minimum Wake” speed for your safety. Litter is unsightly, illegal, and a hazard to wildlife. Please dispose of unwanted material properly.

ATV use on the refuge is prohibited.

Camping and campfires on the refuge are prohibited.

Vehicles must remain on refuge roads that are designated open.

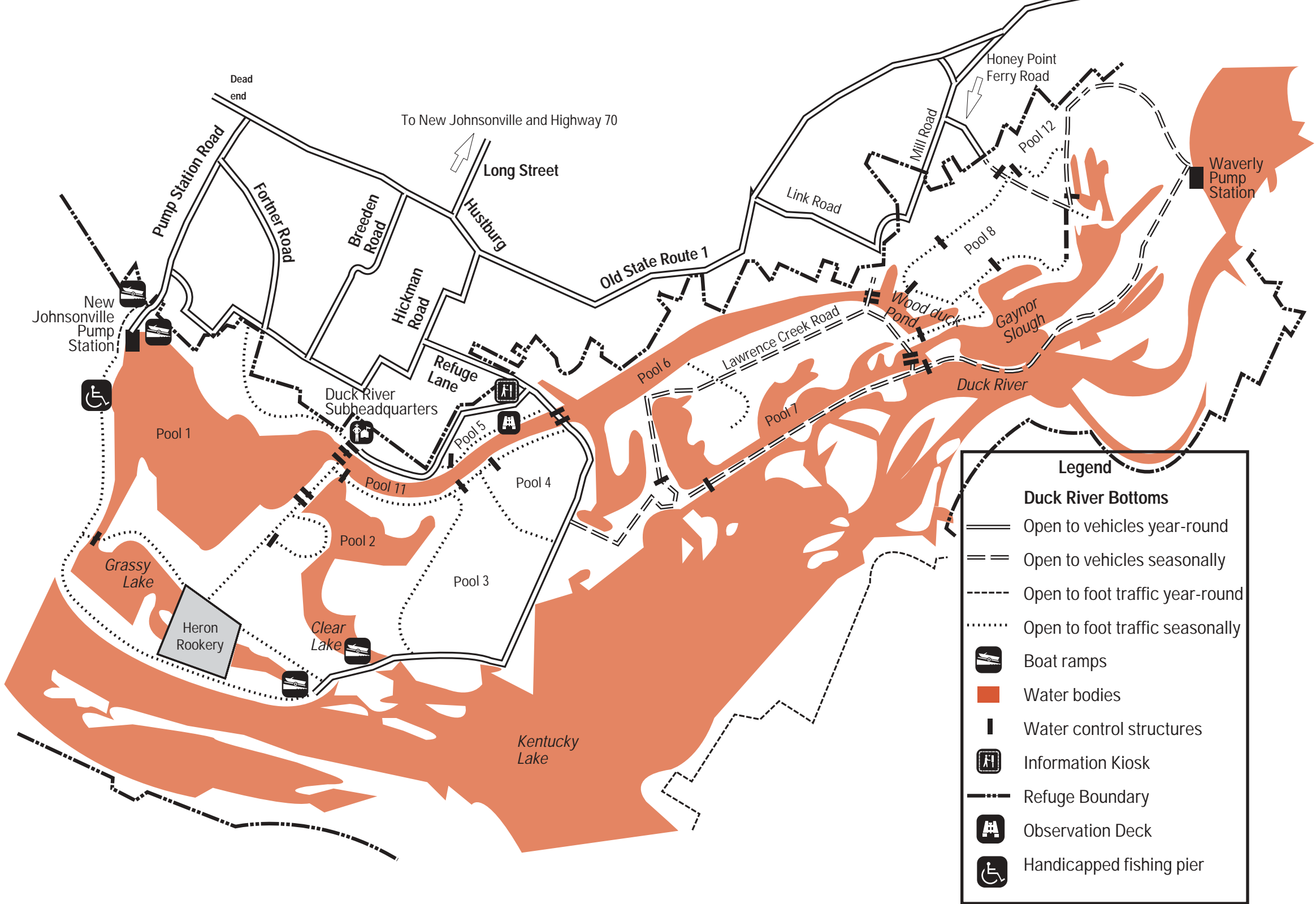
Boats cannot be left on the refuge overnight. Swimming is not permitted.

Operation of a motor vessel under the influence of alcohol is prohibited.

Searching for or removing any object of antiquity including arrowheads, pottery, or other artifacts is prohibited.

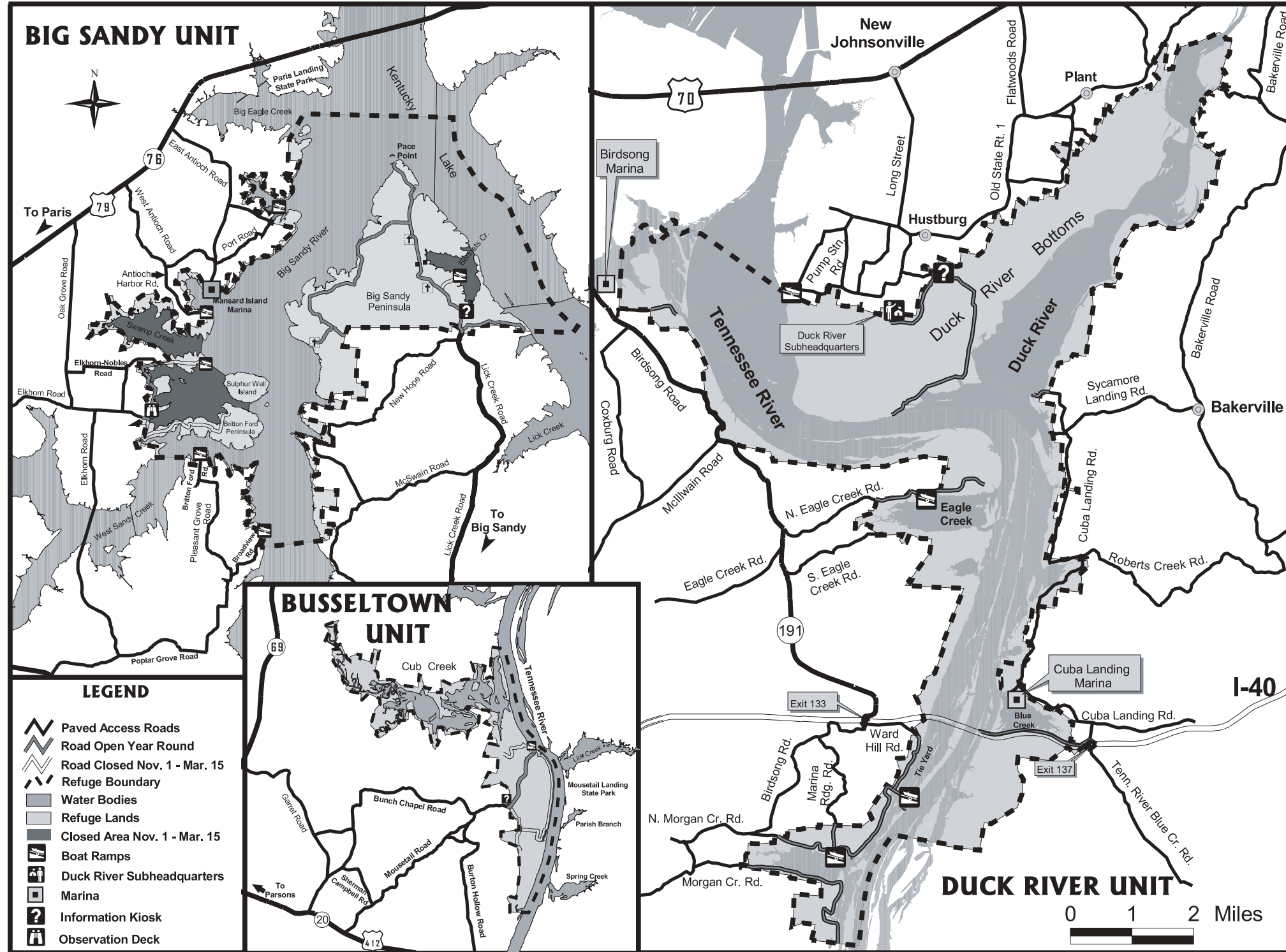
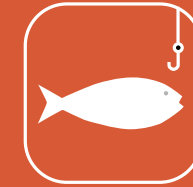
No taking of turtles or bullfrogs on refuge.

Take pride in America. Report violations.



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National Wildlife Refuge Fishing Regulations



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